

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XI, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JUNE 14.

Text of the Lesson, Acts xxvii, 16-24, 30, 31—Memory Verses, 30, 31—Golden Text, Rom. 1-16—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

[Copyright, 1903, by American Press Association.] 16. And when we came to Rome . . . Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

The opening verses of this chapter tell of two illustrations of the power of the risen Christ through Paul during their three months' stay on the island of Malta, where they had been shipwrecked; Paul's deliverance from a viper and the healing of the father of Publius and many others. We may be sure that Paul did not fail to preach the gospel and tell of Him by whose power these things were done, and we have learned from past lessons just how and what he would preach (ix, 20; xlii, 38, 39; xiv, 15; xvii, 22-31). The incident of the brethren coming to meet him as far as Apollonia and returning to Rome with him helps us to understand how it will be when our Lord returns to the earth. The church will meet Him in the air and then come to the earth with Him as He returns in power and glory (I Thess. iv, 16, 17; Col. iii, 4; Matt. xxv, 31).

17-20. For this cause therefore have I called for you to see you and to speak with you because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

After three days he called the Jews together and told them the story of his arrest and imprisonment and how he happened to be now in Rome under his present circumstances. Before Agrippa he had spoken of the hope of the promise made of God unto the fathers, as the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob concerning the twelve tribes. In Jer. xiv, 8; xvii, 13, the Lord Himself is called "the hope of Israel," and we know that the fulfillment and restoration of all things concerning Israel are inseparably connected with the return of Christ and the resurrection of the just (Acts iii, 19-21; Isa. xxv, 8, 9; Dan. xii, 1, 2). In Eph. iii, 1; iv, 1, he speaks of himself as the prisoner of Jesus Christ, prisoner of the Lord.

21, 22. We desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest, for as concerning this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.

They had heard nothing against Paul, but they had heard many things against Christ and His followers. It may have been some comfort to Paul to know that tongues in that part of the world had not yet opened fire on him, but he had enjoyed his share of it elsewhere and had found some pleasure in it (I Cor. xii, 10), and he knew well that since his Master was being spoken against his turn would come even in Rome, and the fellowship he prayed for would be surely his (Phil. iii, 10).

23. There came many to him into his lodging, to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

Unlike many prominent teachers of our day, Paul believed all things which were written in the law and in the prophets (xxiv, 14) and believed the Scriptures to be in truth the word of God and that it effectually works in all who believe (I Thess. ii, 13). He also believed fully and firmly that Jesus of Nazareth was all that He said He was, the one of whom all the prophets had spoken, the Son of David, the Son of God, Israel's Messiah, and that He would restore the kingdom to Israel and bless all nations through her (Jer. xxxi, 31-34; Ezek. xxxvii, 21-28; Isa. ix, 1-3). That the kingdom of God or of heaven is to be a kingdom filling the whole earth is plainly taught in such passages as Num. xiv, 21; Isa. xl, 9; Hab. ii, 14; Dan. ii, vii; Rev. xli.

24. And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

We are nowhere taught that the good news will be universally received in this age. Some seed will fall by the wayside, some on rocky soil, some among thorns, but a portion will find good ground; some will be saved, and the church will be completed (Matt. xiii, 18-23; I Cor. ix, 22; Eph. v, 27). Even in the next age, when Satan shall be bound in the pit, there will be deceivers who will yield only a feigned obedience and will follow Satan when he comes forth from his prison at the end of the thousand years (Ps. xviii, 44; xvi, 3; margin; Rev. xx, 7, 8).

25. And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house and received all that came in unto him.

Doubtless he accomplished the will of God and glorified God as much as when journeying through Asia and Macedonia. Being no longer able to go to people, God brought people to him, and though he was bound, he rejoiced that the word of God was not bound (I Tim. ii, 9). The verses we have omitted, 25-29, "They agreed not among themselves," "and had great reasoning among themselves" (for thus they began and end), tell us how Paul quoted Isa. vi, 9, 10, and reminded them that centuries before the Holy Spirit through Isaiah had written those words about them.

31. Preaching the kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

The adversary cannot hinder beyond God's permission, and it was the Lord's pleasure that for these two years the word should have free course. This book opens with Jesus Christ between His resurrection and ascension preaching the things pertaining to the kingdom of God and with the question of the disciples, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?" (Acts i, 3, 6). It closes with Paul at Rome in a hired house still preaching the kingdom.

HORTICULTURE

Irrigation by Pumping.

From Farmers' Review: Where the lift of water is less than ten feet and water near at hand irrigation will pay on ordinary crops. Where the lift is greater it will only pay on costly and profitable crops like small fruits and vegetables where high quality is a factor in the markets. My experience has been with strawberries only and largely for nursery purposes where it was desired to grow plants under the most favorable condition in order to fully develop their fruit producing organism and therefore imperative that they should not be injured by protracted drouths.

A twenty-five horse power gasoline engine and No. 6 centrifugal pump lifts about 700,000 gallons of water thirty-five feet high and forces it through twelve hundred feet of a six-inch iron pipe and thence through an eleven-inch duck hose to any part of the farm up to a half mile where it is distributed with a hose having an arm tube four feet long and four inches in diameter every four feet, letting the water out into narrow about 50,000 gallons are applied to an acre at one watering, only one man being required to superintend the distributing. Of course the amount used varies according to conditions. The main point is to get the water into the subsoil and then let it percolate out under the plants and rise to the surface by capillarity, so that the plants never suffer from saturation but grow naturally. The application of small amounts to the surface is very bad under any circumstances. It packs the surface so as to exclude air from the roots and capillarity is so active that the water would evaporate before the immediate surface would be dry enough to cultivate, and in an incredible short time the plants would be seen to wilt.

We are very careful never to flood the surface but cultivate the ditch full as soon as possible and stir the surface every week afterwards and so even in the hottest weather the watering will keep the plants growing in prime condition for fifteen days, but we keep the pumps running and manage to make the round of our 55 acres of strawberries in less time than indicated. The engine is run to its full capacity and consumes about forty gallons of gasoline in ten hours, costing at present 12 cents per gallon, or \$4.80 for ten hours.

It requires the time of the hoe squad of about 30 men who lay down their tools walk directly to the hose and pick up the whole and carry it to new ground where couplings are quickly made and water again turned on. It also requires one man and horse to make the ditches and another to cultivate. I estimate the total cost at \$12 per day of ten hours.

If a wind mill were used a storage tank would be necessary and the water should be applied at night so it would soak deeply and the surface be cultivated the following day.

The water should be carried to the distributing point in hose because the seepage in ordinary soil would be large. The hose should be liberally large and made of No. 4 rubber duck, edges hemmed and stitched together on a harness sewing machine, the connection being made by inserting a tube like a stove pipe and strapping the hose to each end.

For ordinary crops the same amount of expense and labor expended in tillage to conserve spring rains will mature full crops and except where the lift is small and water in abundance good results in strawberry growing can be had by fall mulching and holding the water down by leaving it until after berries are picked in spring. Few people realize how much water is required to properly fill the soil of an acre of land and if the area to be irrigated is large an ordinary well would hardly meet requirements.—R. M. Kellogg.

Do Orchard Soils Deteriorate?

This was the question discussed recently in a farmers' institute in Cook county, Illinois. In that county there are many orchards that did well once, but have been of no account for a generation or so. In some cases the orchardists planted new trees as the old ones ceased to be profitable, but the new ones proved of no consequence. Some of these men claimed to have given their orchards as good care as they did twenty years ago, yet without commensurate returns for the labor expended on them. Professor Blair, of the University of Illinois, in attempting to answer this question, did not accept the statement that orchard soils will thus deteriorate. He believes that the orchards have not been receiving the care they used to receive, while insect and fungous pests have multiplied. He sees no reason why soil properly handled and trees properly sprayed and otherwise properly treated should not do as well now in Northwestern Illinois as they did twenty years ago.

When pigs are treated with the same consideration and care that are bestowed upon the horse and cow, we shall find that he is in fact a cleanly animal, and one that will never soil either his eating or his sleeping place with his own refuse.

The number of passengers carried by boats on the great lakes is from a quarter to a third of a million each

MRS. M'KNIGHT'S CASE

Sheriff Swears Out a Warrant for a Woman Charged with Murder.

EVIDENCE IS ENOUGH TO CONVICT

Thinks the Prosecutor—Judge Durand's Remains To Be Honored —Michigan News Items.

Kalkaska, Mich., June 10.—For the first time since he discovered the alleged murder of John Murphy, Gertrude Murphy and the Murphy baby, Prosecuting Attorney Ernest C. Smith has given out a statement of the case against Mrs. Mary McKnight. "The case is not altogether circumstantial, although that style of evidence predominates. We have what I believe to be a very strong case. The evidence we have collected from the surviving members of her family and her own conflicting statements combine in one damning mass of evidence," said Smith.

Evidence Enough of Three Murders.

"Of course the case has been cumulative. We have had to work it up from a very small, insignificant beginning. As it stands now, I believe we have enough evidence to convict Mrs. McKnight of the murder of her own brother, his wife, an inoffensive girl of 20 years, and possibly of their baby of 3 months."

Sheriff Swears Out a Warrant.

Following up the foregoing Sheriff Croighton has sworn out a warrant against Mrs. Mary McKnight, charging her with murdering her brother, John Murphy. Mrs. McKnight has been under arrest for several days, pending the result of an investigation into the death of Murphy and his wife and baby. All three died within a month and under circumstances that caused the authorities to investigate. Murphy's body was exhumed and an examination of the stomach showed a large quantity of strychnine. The vital organs from the bodies of Mrs. Murphy and the baby are now being examined at Ann Arbor. It is said that unmistakable signs of poison were found in the baby's stomach when her body was exhumed.

Says She Is Innocent.

Mrs. McKnight denies that she administered poison to her brother. She said: "I do not know how John died. I cannot explain anything except that I am innocent."

JUDGE DURAND'S OBSEQUIES

Masons Will Have Charge Thereof and the Body Will Lie in State in the Court House.

Lansing, Mich., June 10.—On motion of Representative Hemans, the leader of the Democratic minority, the house adjourned after a thirty-five-minute session out of respect to Judge Du-rand.

Flint, Mich., June 10.—The family of Judge Durand has decided upon a public funeral, which will be held tomorrow afternoon, with the grand lodge, F. and A. M. in charge. The family will have a private prayer service in the house at 10 a. m., Rev. R. E. MacDuff, of Jackson, officiating, and will then take the last look upon the face of the dead. At 10:30, escorted by twelve members of the Flint lodge of Elks, acting as pall-bearers and led by Exalted Ruler J. S. Parker, the body will be taken to the court house.

Here it will be placed in the care of the Genesee County Bar association, which has charge of the decorations of the building. A detail from the Flint Union Blues will stand guard for the three hours during which the body will lie in state. At 2:30 p. m. the grand lodge, escorted by the blue lodges of the city and county with Genesee Valley commandery, No. 15, as escort for the blue lodges, will bear the remains to St. Paul's Episcopal church, and there the services will be conducted by Rev. MacDuff.

All Flint is in mourning for its foremost citizen.

Honest Milk Dealers Hit.

Port Huron, Mich., June 10.—Port Huron milk dealers are up in the air as a result of the visit of the state milk inspector, and honest dealers have suffered because a few peddled doctored milk. Many people refuse to take any milk, and unless the names of the violators are made public to protect the honest dealers there will be a very loud protest if no more effective remedy is provided by law.

Lightning Burns a School House.

Belleville, Mich., June 10.—The school house was struck by lightning and set on fire. All efforts to save the building were futile, and in a short time only the brick walls remained. The school cost about \$6,000; it was insured for \$3,000. A barn on D. L. Quirk's farm, three miles away, was destroyed in the same manner.

Governor Vetoes a Bill.

Lansing, Mich., June 10.—Governor Bliss vetoed Senator Lockery's bill, by which it was proposed to permit public officials to give surety bonds and charge the expense to the public.

Deer Wanders Through Town.

Lapeer, Mich., June 10.—A deer strayed in from the woods and wandered through the streets of this city. It followed a carriage for several blocks, and finally escaped.

The Ideal Nurse.

A nurse generally arrives in time of crisis, the patient is turned over to her, the family draw a long breath of comfort and relief, confide in her amazing,ly, question her about the doctor, the treatment, the patient's condition, her experience of similar cases and unhesitatingly make her privy to their most personal affairs.

Besides possessing unblemished courage and professional skill a nurse should be prepared to sweep, keep a room in order, arrange flowers, read aloud, write notes, unobtrusively quiet such family jars as might affect her patient. She must understand what to do herself, what should be left to servants, remembering that this will vary in every household. She must be quick to see when her presence is necessary, when she is in the way. She can allow herself no personal habits as to bed or board, no private existence or amusement while at a case, and when the patient is safely through the exciting period of illness she has to settle down with good grace to the tedium of convalescence, never resenting the inevitable withdrawal of intimacy as the family resume a normal habit of life and no longer made her the recipient of every thought and emotion.—Mary Moss in Atlantic.

Incidents of Foreign Travel.

Mr. C. E. Johnstone in Travel says that experienced wanderers in out of the way places are thankful for what they can get, and he instances a traveler who was proposing to pass the night at Njegos, a tiny village in Montenegro.

"Have you succeeded in finding a room?" asked Mr. Johnstone.

"Yes."

"Is it a good room?"

"Not bad. There are three other people going to sleep in it."

"Oh, well, that's all right. Is the bed clean?"

"No, I don't know that the bed is clean. But then one can get clean beds at home."

In one continental hotel a German lady summoned the waiter in the dining room and said:

"Close that window or I shall die."

"Garcon," exclaimed an English lady, "leave it open or I shall expire!"

At this point a Frenchman interposed politely: "Leave it open till the German lady has died, and then close it till the English lady has expired. Then we shall be able to do as we like!"

Ten Years in Bed.

R. A. Gray, J. P., Oakville, Ind., writes: "For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys. It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a Godsend to me." E. B. Longwell.

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Strikers Seem to Lose Their Jobs.

Detroit, June 8.—Seamen employed on the Michigan Central car ferries struck in order to enforce their demands for a wage increase of \$20 a month. For a short time it looked as if the Michigan Central would be seriously handicapped, but within a short time the strikers were replaced by non-union men and the river schedule was resumed with comparatively no loss of time.

The Art of Conversation.

"Tell me," pleaded the artless maid, "wherein lies the secret of the art of conversation?"

The sage affected the attitude he was wont to assume when in the act of imparting wisdom and said:

"My child, listen."

"I am listening," breathlessly she answered.

"Well, my child," he rejoined, "that is the art of conversing agreeably."

Was Wasting Away.

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